

# NEBRASKA WEATHER & CROPS

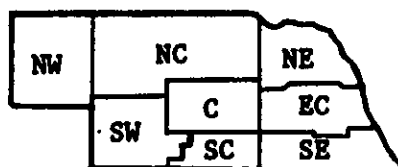
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## WEATHER

The week was mild with scattered showers. Rainfall amounts ranged from a few tenths up to an inch. Average temperatures ranged from one to four degrees above normal.

## GENERAL

Nebraska producers continued to make progress in fieldwork last week. Main activities were seeding of small grains and seedbed preparation for row crops. Some new seeding of alfalfa was underway and corn planting began on a limited basis in a few central and eastern counties. Rain delayed fieldwork again as scattered showers and thunderstorms moved into the Panhandle Wednesday and Thursday and across the remainder of the State at the end of the week. Other activities included soil sampling, fixing fence, spraying for weeds, machinery maintenance and livestock care. The number of days suitable for fieldwork average 5.0.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 4% short, 89% adequate and 7% surplus. Subsoil moisture condition rated 2% short, 93% adequate and 5% surplus. A year ago, topsoil moisture rated 56% short and 44% adequate. Subsoil moisture rated 28% short and 72% adequate.

## CROPS

Winter wheat condition rated 7% fair, 70% good and 23% excellent. Isolated reports of winter kill and disease continued to surface in central and southern Nebraska. Spraying for weeds, particularly pennycress, was underway. Also, late fall planting and wind erosion have resulted in thin stands in a few southeastern counties.

Oat seeding progressed to 60% complete compared to 75% last year and 38% average. Seeding remained most advanced in the southern and eastern crop reporting districts.

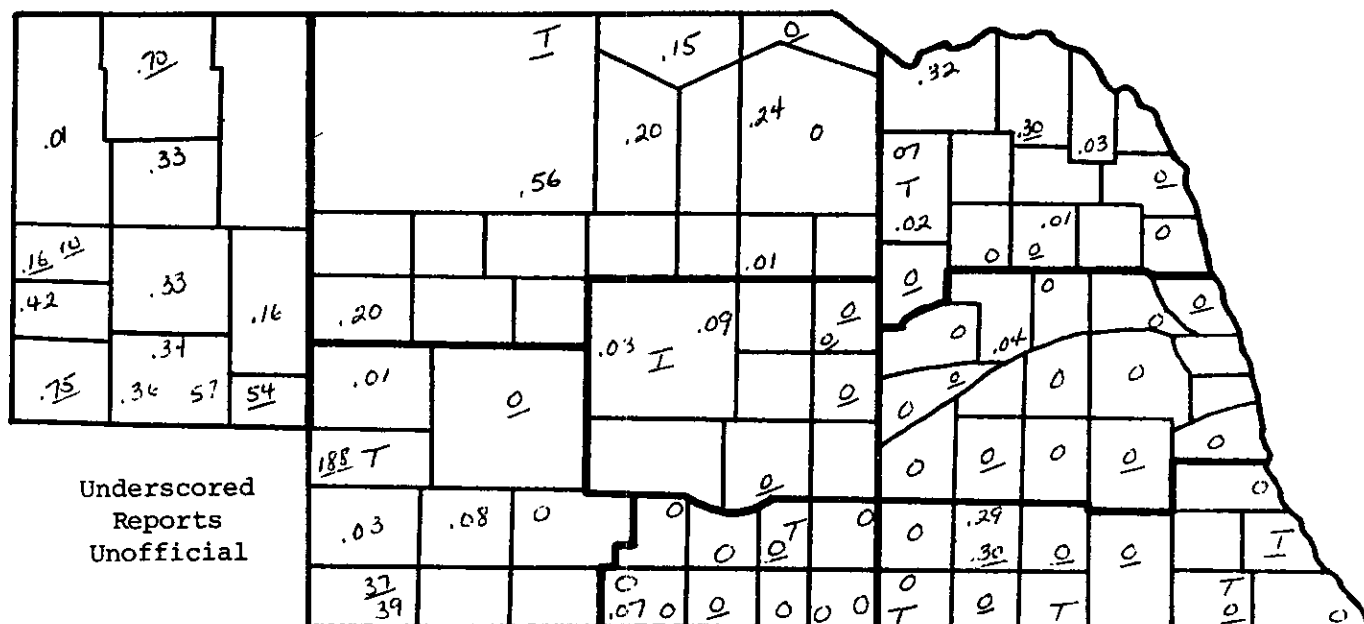
## LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies continued to rate mostly adequate to short. Producers were moving cattle to pasture although native and warm season grasses were not yet growing. Cool season grasses and wheat pasture were providing adequate grazing. Scours among newborn calves increased slightly from cooler, wet conditions, but losses from unfavorable weather and disease remained limited.

## Precipitation, April 1 - April 11, 1986

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week .....	.32	.23	.06	.06	.00	.09	.01	.04
Total since April 1 .....	2.21	1.39	1.03	1.81	1.57	1.49	.41	1.51
Normal since April 1 .....	.55	.62	.82	.67	.86	.55	.66	.87

# PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 1986



## TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 1986

Station		Temperature			Precipitation	
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	67	24	45	--	.12
	Scottsbluff	69	29	46	+2	.19
	Sidney	65	30	45	--	.25
NC	Ord	--	--	--	--	--
	Valentine	73	23	45	+1	.24
NE	Norfolk	75	30	49	+3	.83
	Sioux City	74	30	49	+2	.13
CEN	Grand Island	75	26	50	+2	.91
EC	Lincoln	74	29	52	+3	.97
	Omaha	72	31	52	+4	.33
SW	Imperial	--	--	--	--	--
	North Platte	74	29	46	0	.28

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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